

[English]

AIDS Awareness Campaign

5410. SHRI PARASRAMBHARDWAJ: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have involved eminent personalities in AIDS awareness campaign during the last one year;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government have assessed the impact of awareness campaign; and

(d) if so, the outcome thereof?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND): (a) to (d). A National Aids Committee comprising of members of Parliament, eminent personalities from media, films, medical profession and social organisations has been instituted which is assisting in creating awareness and developing a multi-sectoral programme. It is too early to assess the impact of these efforts.

Consumption of High Speed Diesel Oil

5411. SHRI SOBHANADREESWARA RAO VADDE: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether consumption of High Speed Diesel Oil is exceeding the originally estimated limits; and

(b) if so, the steps taken to reduce the consumption?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (CAPT SATISH KUMAR SHARMA): (a) As per the latest estimate, the excess in the consumption of HSD during 1992-93 over the original estimate is only marginal.

(b) The following important measures are taken to conserve the use of HSD.

- i) development and promotion of use of fuel-efficient engines, vehicles and components.
- ii) improvement in the fuel-efficiency of the existing engines and vehicles through better operational and maintenance practices, improved house keeping, retrofitting of turbochargers and add-on devices as well as other types of improvisation.
- iii) setting up of standards/norms of fuel efficiency of automotive vehicles.
- iv) Promotion of use of multi-axle vehicles, radial tyres, reduction in the weight and aerodynamic profiling of buses & trucks.
- v) promoting use of additives as well as increasing re-refining and recycling of used lubricating oils etc.; and
- vi) experimental operation of using methanol/ethanol and CNG as dual-fuel in partial replacement of diesel in automotive vehicles.
- vii) in the agricultural sector the stress is on increasing awareness among the farmers on the use of right type of irrigation pumpsets and tractors, adoption of improved operational and maintenance practices and complete or partial rectification of pumpsets.

Health for All

5412. SHRI RAJESH KUMAR:
DR. K. D. JESWANI:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the targets fixed and those actually